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Planning

Update on the proposed procurement of a new multi-provider framework agreement for the future provision of Early Career Framework (ECF)-based training

Department for Education

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Main address

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Buyer's address

<https://education.app.iaggaer.com>

I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

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<https://education.app.iaggaer.com>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

I.5) Main activity

Education

Section II: Object**II.1) Scope of the procurement****II.1.1) Title**

Update on the proposed procurement of a new multi-provider framework agreement for the future provision of Early Career Framework (ECF)-based training

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The purpose of this Prior Information Notice (PIN) is to update potential providers regarding the proposed procurement of a new multi-provider framework agreement for Early Career Framework (ECF)-based training for 2025 to 2028.

The Department is grateful for the comments received so far from all those who have participated in the market engagement process. Subject to final approvals, the Department is on track to commence the procurement process in late February/early March 2024.

In preparation for the procurement process, potential providers should access and review the new content framework entitled, 'Initial Teacher Training and Early Career Framework', that designed materials must adhere to. This can be accessed and downloaded from: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/initial-teacher-training-and-early-career-framework>

As set out in the previous PIN, ECF-based training is currently delivered by 6 providers ("Lead Providers") appointed to a multi-provider framework agreement. In addition, the School-Led Development Trust (SLDT) who operate the National Institute of Teaching (NlOT), provide ECF-based training together with a broader range of other related services under a separate sole-supplier framework agreement and will continue to do so alongside the new multi-provider framework agreement. SLDT will be required to deliver to the same requirements as other Lead Providers, and their training content will be assured in the same way and to the same timescales, as other Lead Providers.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £250,000,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 800000000 - Education and training services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKC - North East (England)
- UKD - North West (England)
- UKE - Yorkshire and the Humber
- UKF - East Midlands (England)
- UKG - West Midlands (England)
- UKH - East of England
- UKI - London
- UKJ - South East (England)
- UKK - South West (England)

Main site or place of performance

England

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Please refer to the previous PIN published on 17 October 2023 which can be found here: <https://www.find-tender.service.gov.uk/Notice/030556-2023> (Notice reference: 2023/S000-030556)

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

1 March 2024

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

Please note that this PIN is not a call for competition and has been issued to provide an update around the procurement of Early Career Framework (ECF)-based training. The Department is not bound to enter into any procurement activity or award contracts because of it.